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COUNCIL SHORT CIRCUITS TENANTS



Tenants in Bilsland Dr., Ruchill are faced with the daily threat of being electrocuted. Despite persistent appeals to the District Council their protests have been received with a 'deaf ear'. The electrical points & connections in their homes are in many cases a potential hazard. Many minor cases of shock have failed to raise a positive response from

the nearest Council works department in Bardowie Street, Possil. New tenants are the only ones who get new points installed. Mr Denoyan of 1 Arnold St., Bilsland Drive., told a GPP reporter that an electrician friend of his had looked at the connections and found them to be faulty in the way they were earthed. He also told of his daughters bedroom

NOT!
O.K.

— B.B.C. WHITEWASH JOB

On Thursday 20th October the B.B.C. outside broadcast unit was at Quarrierae school in Lillybank to film a special-invitation only meeting for their series of programmes on the area.

Kay Carmichael, William Gray, Professor Donnison of the Supplementary Benefits Commission and other such dignitaries availed themselves of the opportunity to clear Kay Carmichaels rather tarnished image. The point is this.... why were the local folk not involved in the filming. Could it be that the B.B.C. intend to imply that it was done with the

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which had no electrical point of it's own and how the council would do nothing to satisfy his requests to have one installed. In the end he had one installed privately.

This is not an isolated case. Will a tenant have to suffer serious injury or worse before the Council act to install new points?



AS WE SEE IT...

GLASGOW PEOPLES PRESS exists to provide a real alternative to the establishment Press in the West of Scotland.

We aim to report honestly on the forces that shape our lives, both at home and at work. We intend to expose the real problems faced by working men and women, and to publicise the activities of those trying to do something constructive to help themselves.

We at the G.P.P. will assist those in struggle in a positive manner; by providing the use of duplicators, typewriters, publicity, manpower and, where possible, advice and financial donation.

Although we are prepared to offer our assistance, we are not interested in attempting to control or to takeover peoples' struggles. People should take full control over their own lives and make

decisions without outside interference.

G.P.P. will also be keeping a close watch on the political situation (both nationally and locally). So M.P.s, councillors political parties, and all in authority-BEWARE! We are out to expose you.

What do we at G.P.P. stand for? Well, we are for independent action and decision making by all participants, whether in Tenants' struggles, fares, workplace, school, college struggles, or whether against Consumer Society and its' supermarkets and 'entertainment', etc. We are keen for others to join us if in agreement with our general outlook.

Above all, G.P.P. is YOUR platform to air YOUR views, and to say what YOU really want about your own experiences. So let's be hearing from you.



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C.N.D. AND NOSTALGIA

Dear Friends,
Could I please make two points about your issue number 2?

I'd like to confirm what Cliff D. Hanley says about the GLASGOW HERALD letters column. There is somebody changing letters without seeking the permission of the letter writers. And it's not just cutting for length. Any strong turn of phrase is being left out or replaced.

Have you noticed too that they have stopped dating the letters, so that they can save up letters for quiet days? They are also very sensitive about criticism of their own reporters and a letter arguing with another reader is more likely to be printed than one which seems to attack the paper or its' staff.

About your report on the Scottish C.N.D. Cruise and Demo to Holy Loch, I'll resist the temptation to be angry, and I'll try to be defensive and reasonable instead. You say the marchers were nostalgic, but several speakers tried to oppose that attitude, and I thought the demonst-

rators responded warmly to their demand that we look forward rather than back. As you admit too, there was a very good attendance of young people.

If there was "nothing to do but listen to speeches", I suggest that the speeches were good, that they were the shortest speeches ever



heard, and that room was found in a very tight timetable for an impromptu speech by one man who wanted to do more than "listen" (and then moan afterwards.- a wee bit anger creeping in!)

We were not just "preaching to the converted" because there were a number of local people listening, and some joined S.C.N.D. as a result of what they heard, and because we took the trouble to set up a loud sound system which let us make a direct appeal to some of the

American sailors, and because the speeches and the appeal were reproduced in newspapers and other media on quite a good scale.

About the "decline" you assume is taking place still in C.N.D., the Campaign has been GROWING again steadily since 1973, no matter how you measure growth; and the most active members will be delighted to share the decisions and workload with any of your readers, including direct-actionists, in a democratic way.

IAN DAVISON
(Secretary, SCOTTISH C.N.D.)

EDITORIAL REPLY:

We don't dispute the fact that some of the speakers at the rally warned against nostalgia, but doesn't that in itself show that this feeling was present in large amounts? It certainly existed in the minds of those to whom our reporter spoke. Young as well as old.

Youth in itself is no guarantee against a backward looking attitude.

Essentially, we believe that a large proportion of those
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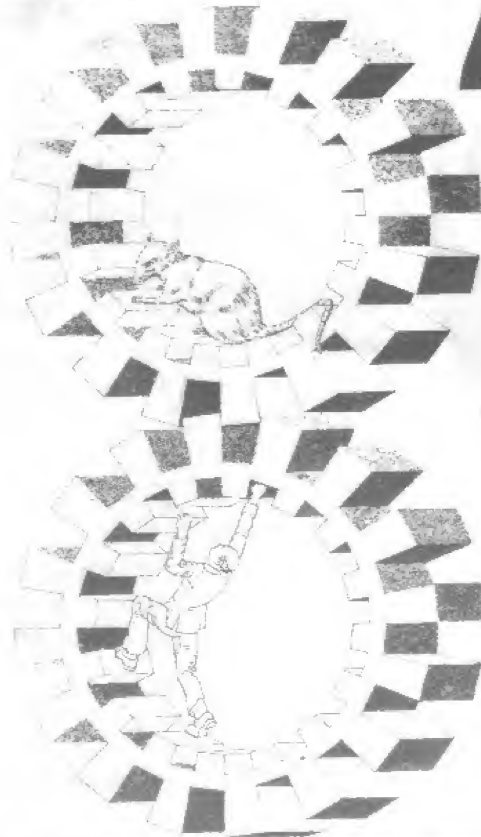
KEPPOCH - FACTOR UNDER ATTACK

Tenants in the Keppoch area of Glasgow have been attacking their local factor through the pages of their local paper the Possil Post.

The people are angry at the length of time it takes for repairs to be done in their homes. Some people have been waiting TEN YEARS to have their repairs properly seen to, and they are still waiting.

The paper carries four pages of complaints and unfinished repairs which include damaged lofts, leaking baths, streaming walls, dampness, condensation, damaged fencing and plagues of MAGGOTS!

When asked why there were such big delays in having the repairs seen to a local official stated the reason to be economics!



However this reason is pure rubbish. The repairs have not been carried out over a period of ten years or so yet the cuts only started around a year and a half ago.

The real reason for the delays in repairs would appear to be the incompetent management of the Housing Management Office in Bardowie St. The local officials appear to spend their time sitting on their fat arses reading Playboy or playing noughts and crosses to pass the time. It's about time someone gave them a boot out of their fancy offices, houses, cars, etc into a council house with chronic damp, maggots and a leaking bath. Whats the betting that they would kick some life into their workers to get that house in order?

GAP SITES SCANDAL!

Maryhill has more than it's fair share of gap sites, where tenements have been demolished & nothing is planned in the immediate future to take their place. Gap sites are just one aspect of the chronic URBAN DEVASTATION that the politicians & planners have created in the 'inner city' areas of Glasgow.

The sheer contradiction in places like Maryhill is that the area, & in particular the kids, are crying out for social facilities.

It would cost in the region of £500 to level and prepare a gap site for a football pitch or play area, instead the kids have to play among the rubble, glass strewn refuse and filth.

Take an example: Napier-shall Primary School in North Woodside Rd. has no football pitch



SPRINGBURN
Rubble !

despite the fact that the school's area is small in comparison with the massive gap sites stretching up to Raeberry St. For matches in the primary school league, such as the one they played with St. Andrews school in Milton (losing

3-0 at half time - the action rivalled a good match at Firhill !) the organisers have to arrange to book a pitch for every specific game. There are areas in that part of Maryhill easily big enough to accommodate a sports pitch such as Chyrnside in Milton.

Up at Queens X, local residents have taken the initiative of constructing their own play area & more of this has to follow.

For too long the question of land ownership has been centred around the issue of absentee landlords and Highland Clearances.

What about the landlords and clearances on our own doorstep!!! Who owns the land anyway? The Council is supposed to act in the peoples interests (sic) yet they cannot resist making an eyre out of large parts of the city & don't provide adequate facilities. The time is emerging when working people will take over the land & their communities as a whole (after all it's the thing to STEAL BACK WHAT HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM YOU).



Department of Health
Central Office for Scotland
Argyle House 3 Lady 1

GOOD NEWS

LOST CHORD

Records and cassettes

- BOUGHT
- SOLD
- EXCHANGED

11, Park Road, Kelvinbridge

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Glasgow Council will soon prove to the doubters that it has the welfare and happiness of its electors at heart.

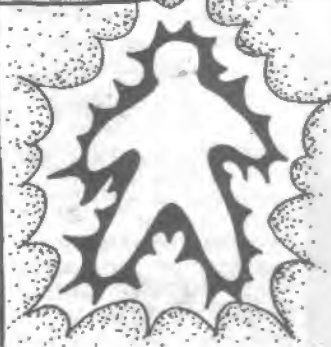
At a recent meeting of the Mental Health Subcommittee the decision was taken that "Happy Pills", previously available only through a doctor, should be added to the city's water supply.

The Chairman of the Subcommittee, Councillor Vincent Vallium, told GPP reporters: "Research has shown that over 90% of people in the city are unhappy with their daily life. High prices, high bus fares, the shortage of housing and just sheer boredom were the deciding factors.

Our researchers then showed that the addition of the magic ingredient, Factor X, until now only available on prescription, would produce 99% happiness.

The people would then be prepared to take whatever we do to them without any fuss. It will also have the advantage of relieving people of just that little bit of control over their own lives."

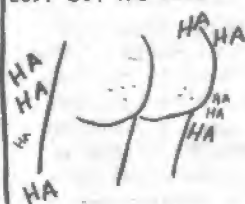
WHAT IS A BOSS?



WHEN THE BODY WAS FIRST CREATED, THERE WAS A ROW AMONG THE DIFFERENT PARTS AS TO WHO WAS GOING TO BE

THE BOSS!

AND SO IT WENT ON WITH THE HEART, LUNGS ETC. PUTTING THEIR CLAIMS IN, TILL THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT BUT THE ARSE



ALL THE OTHERS LAUGHED WHEN IT MADE ITS BID FOR BOSS. WHOEVER HEARD OF AN ARSE BEING BOSS OF ANYTHING? [ANSWERS ON A POSTCARD PLEASE]

THE BRAIN SAID:

SINCE I AM THE NERVE CENTRE THAT CONTROLS EVERYTHING AND DOES ALL THE THINKING I SHOULD BE THE BOSS!



THE FEET SAID:

SINCE I CARRY ALL THE BLOODY WEIGHT, I SHOULD BE THE BOSS!



THE HANDS SAID:

SINCE I'VE GOT ALL THE MANUAL WORK TO DO AND EARN THE MONEY TO KEEP YOU LOT GOING, I SHOULD BE THE BOSS!



THE EYES SAID:

WELL, I HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR YOU ALL AND LET YOU KNOW WHEN DANGER LURKS, SO I SHOULD BE THE BOSS

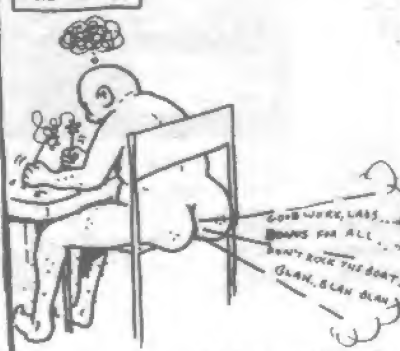


SOON THE BRAIN WAS FEVERISH. THE EYES ACHED.



THE FEET FELT WEAK, THE HANDS HUNG LIMPLY AT THE SIDES, ALL THE OTHER PARTS STRUGGLED VAINLY TO KEEP GOING

FINALLY, THEY ALL GAVE IN TO THE ARSE, AND IT BECAME THE BOSS



AND WHILE THEY ALL DID THE WORK, THE ARSE JUST SAT BACK AND LET OUT A LOT OF HOT AIR.

AND THE POINT OF THIS TALE IS THAT IF WE CAN ALL LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY, WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE ARSES OF OURSELVES!



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TENANTS PICKET KAY'S BBC PROGRAMME

Secrecy
Exposed.

knowledge of the local population—the very people that Mrs Carmichael was so intent on rubbing shoulders with only a few short months ago..

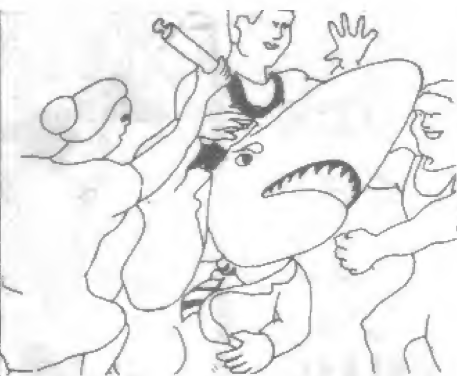
The police were present in force and no one was allowed in to the meeting several local people made the point that the police were very heavy handed in their manner and in fact harassed those who were picketing the meeting. A GPP reporter was arrested by the police and we will be reporting on this in a later issue.

Lillybank residents are applying for an injunction on the B.B.C. not to show the documentaries and we will be keeping our readers up to date on any further developments.

Councillor M'Kay

Bailie Wood

**COUNCIL
MINUTES**
received
with
anonymous
letter
on
KAY
CARMICHAEL
"East-end
Snooper"



BARROWFIELD

LOST FOR WORDS —in Govan

"If something needs
to be done,
and in the end
it is not done
then you and I
are among those
who
did not do it."



THE CITY PLANNERS HAVE
SWEEP ASIDE HUMAN NEED
ONCE AGAIN.

This time the victims
are immigrant kids
trying to learn English
in the Language Centre
in GOVAN.

Soon the school will be-
come an island in a sea
of noisy & dangerous
Traffic.

Tradeston St., on one
side of the school has
been closed for 3 years
and now the planners are
making another bid to
reopen it.

Ms Kilgower, a teacher
at the school told us WH
Tradeston St. should stay
closed:-

"If the school is surr-
ounded by busy traffic
it is only a matter of
time before a kid is
knocked down...There
will be no place for
the school bus to park
safely....The older
pupils cannot be kept
in school all day and
the new hypermarket is
an extra lure to cross
the roads....Many of
the kids do not under-
stand English well
enough to pay heed to
warnings about the road
.....Indeed many of them
have just come from
rural villages and the
very idea of 'traffic'

is something new to

them.....The kids are
keen to learn English
and they want to list-
en carefully to the
teachers and the tape-
recorders, but already
the noise from the road
is almost impossible.
Lorries visiting the
nearby hypermarket dis-
rupt the lessons throug-
hout the day.

PUBLIC MEETING
Language Centre, 17th
November, 7.30 Wallace
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the reopening of Trade-
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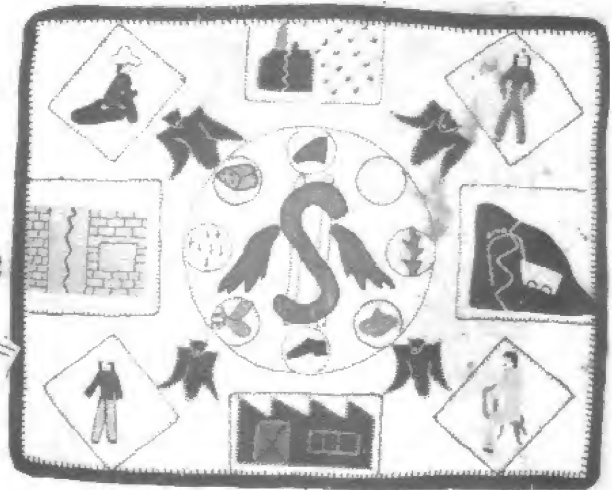
In view of the resentment which genuine tenants are bound to feel when highly paid academics are permitted in this manner not just to jump the housing queue but also to spy on her neighbours, can the Chairman assure us that there are no more such bogus tenants operating in Council houses?

My Lord Provost, we will certainly look very closely at this. It seems to be really rather surprising that such a charming lady should have been able to conceal herself in this way in this particular area and apparently get away with it, successfully, until she, as I understand, rather injudiciously allowed her findings to be made public which seems to me to be perhaps a little unwise, when you are identifying a particular street and particular persons, and my sympathies in this matter lie with Mrs. M'Grattan and her friends in the street who are so agitated.

The last question, my Lord Provost, is by Councillor M'Kay, again to the Chairman of the Housing Committee. Councillor M'Kay asks—Will the Chairman of the Housing Committee confirm that a council house was let to an individual using an assumed name for the purpose of carrying out sociological research on her neighbours?

The application for the let of a house was received from the Department of Social Administration and Social Work of the University of Glasgow in April, 1976, requesting a house in an area where there was evidence of deprivation and where the University could undertake a short field study into child rearing practices in some Glasgow families with a view to identifying anti-social influences in the socialisation process of the child. This application was presented to the Housing Management Committee on 12th April, 1976, (Print No. 24, page 1348), and the committee agreed to authorise the let of suitable accommodation for the project during the period 1st October to 31st December, 1976. On 23rd September a Missive of Let was signed by Mrs. Carmichael for the house at 90 Dunning Street, the tenancy commencing 28th September, 1976, and being terminated on 15th November with effective date 28th December, 1976.

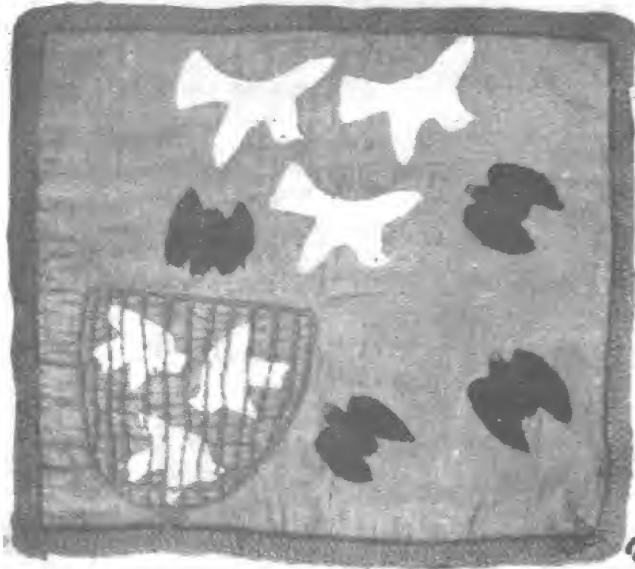
"We want
people patchwork
to know pictures
from Chile
the truth."



It is a popular art of resistance invented by the people themselves because of an overpowering need to express the bitter experiences they are going through and to find a channel of communication to the world outside.

In fact in the details of these pictures — sometimes disguised and "coded" because of censorship — is contained a whole chronicle of the lives of Chilean workers today,

their problems, all the things that affect them most. You see the day of the Coup, the troops running wild in the streets; you see the prisons, especially from the point of view of women visiting their men, or trying to find out where they've been taken. You see all the problems of the shanty-towns: the *comedores* (collective kitchens organized to feed the children); a woman going from house to house asking neighbours to look after her child while she searches for work; children selling sweets along the main roads in order to survive; searching the dustbins at night for scraps of food; the cemetery crowded with family names.



TURN
EYE

CENTRE

NOV.

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Limburg

HUGH'S BLUES



Things really happened one Saturday afternoon for the local pigs in the Alloa area when a police walkie-talkie went missing after some wise-guy came out of a police-station(cop-shop).

He directed local pigs up & down closes all around the area before they tumbled to what was going on!

The Grand Opening of one of the large stores in the horrible new Shopping Centre in Sauchiehall St. was carried out by prominent businessman, Sir Hugh Frazer.

Everyone at the ceremony was enjoying themselves when the Master of Ceremonies began to signal for silence for Sir Hugh's speech.

As a result, so our sources tell us, the enjoyment of those fortunate enough to be present to hear Sir Hugh's speech was marred somewhat since nothing could be heard and all that could be seen was the Great Man's mouth opening and closing.

Among the songs played by the Military Band was the evergreen Shirley Bassey hit, "Big Spender".

The Military Band which was waiting outside saw the hand signals and mistook them for their cue to begin.

TONY
BUNYAN
"POLITICAL
POLICE
IN
BRITAIN"

McLellan
Galleries

Thurs 10th

Nov. 7.30pm

POSSIL CITY FARM



Have you ever wanted to do your own thing but had nowhere to do it? Either there is no room in the house or you do not have a garden of your own. Somewhere to make furniture, fix your bike or toys, look after chickens, keep pigeons, goats or pigs, grow flowers or vegetables. Just the sort of place in fact where you could spend an afternoon or a summer evening doing as you please or helping someone else.

Well the local people in Greater Possil are going to build such a place for themselves on a vacant site off Ellesmere Street in Hamiltonhill. This will be the site of the first CITY FARM in the West of Scotland, being built and managed entirely by the local community with some support from local authorities, local business, and local groups.

The local people have formed a steering committee to get things off the ground, apply for planning permission, commission a soil survey, raise funds etc. The committee plan to have an open day on the

site of the city farm to give the local people first hand experience of what will be involved. Things planned include pony rides for the children, greenhouse and pigeon loft exhibits, a chicken run complete with chickens, fresh vegetables for sale, refreshments etc. The committee are also visiting local schools to tell the pupils how they can get involved. They will be shown a film of other city farms already well established in England. This will give the pupils some idea as to what to expect from their own city farm if they participate.

Plans are also underway to approach local business for donations of everything from hard cash to tools, wood, nails, paint, bricks, cement, seeds, fertilizer, wire, rope, in fact everything and anything of use. So all you local businessmen out there SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

The Greater Possil City Farm will offer the local people a unique opportunity to provide for itself a play area for the kids, an open air community centre, a place for OAP's, friends and neighbours, play groups and street groups to muck in and enjoy themselves.

Everyone will be involved because such a project will depend on sharing skills such as organisation, being a secretary, bricklayers, plumbers, electricians, general labourers, people who know about animals etc. Nobody will be excluded from taking part. There will be something for everyone to do.

Eventually the farm will support itself by selling fresh vegetables, chickens, eggs, etc. Or by manufacturing wooden toys, go-karts, etc for sale.

If you wish to get involved in the city farm or would like to donate money or materials to the project you can contact JIM DOYLE, 23 BALGLASS ST, or J. LYON, 28 BYSHOTT ST.

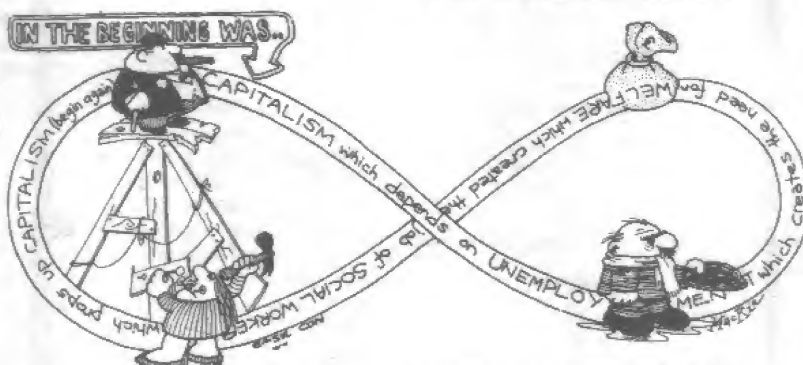
COMMUNITY IN CRISIS

On Wednesday 19th October in the St.Brides Centre, Partick the latest meeting of the GLASGOW WEST ACTION COMMITTEE took place.

"The hard facts of life" as Neil Carmichael, M.P. put it, was the dominant theme of speaker after speaker. Fair enough, it is a FIGHT TO LIVE in a real sense these days.

Another speaker, Cllr. Bob McTaggart of Anderstown, gave the 20 or so people in the hall a graphic account of the "overkill" in Council inspired cuts - baths (Gorbals & Townhead are no more); washhouses (no more); wash-houses; Halls, including Rutherglen recently modernised at a cost of £1½m.; Cleansing - overtime cut back; Housing, covering repairs (£2.4m. less). On top of this, as a Labour Councillor, who

had toe the line inherited the cuts that his predecessors thought out, he saw "no credibility if rents forced through" as well.



However, the main significance of the meeting revolved around what working people DO to fight cuts etc, and why they are so apathetic towards politicians, 'left' Labour and Communist included.

The contribution by the GPP Activist served to momentarily bring into question the underlying assumptions they were making.

If so-called "Socialists" as Labour councillors & mp's were involved in administering 'the cuts' and decline in the standard of living, is it any wonder working

people are pissed of with all this? If what you say is contradicted by what you do, then your words (typical of all politicians) amount to nothing more than rhetoric.

There was a brief debate of the Libertarian ideas of the GPP activist by a member of the Labour Party Young Socialists. He tried to label

any alternative solution as 'Utopian', which is ironical indeed in that it is surely 'Utopian' to expect to achieve 'Socialism' by implementing capitalist policies and without the mass understanding and involvement in creating an alternative Socialist Society.

To put it bluntly, unlike the aspiring Labour and Communist party bureaucrats, our thinking can't be moulded into how our oppressors think. The 'hard facts of life' won't disappear by electing anybody - SNP or Socialists - to do a 'better job'.

Working people in asserting their control over their own workplaces and communities create the seeds of an alternative and lead to the abolition of the system. Bosses & bureaucrats need us, we don't need them!

CLAIMANTS UNION'S GUIDE TO SURVIVAL



THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF THE CLAIMANTS' AND UNEMPLOYED WORKERS UNION, WHO FIGHT COLLECTIVELY AROUND THE CLAIMANTS' CHARTER.

The table gives a brief rundown on just what you are entitled to under the 1976 Supplementary benefits Act.

If you are a claimant and, after looking at the table, suspect that you are being underpaid, you should write to your local office and ask them to send you ASSESSMENT FORM A124.

This form is similar to a wage slip, and gives you the details of how your benefit is made up.

It tells you what you are due for your wife, kids, rent, and any extra fuel or diet allowances you are due.

URGENT NEEDS

One of the most important sections of the Act is the bit on "exceptional needs" -Section 4 (Urgent Needs) of the 1976 Act.

The D.H.S.S. can make payments OVER THE COUNTER in cases of urgent need.

This section also applies to workers on strike, but he or she can claim benefit only for their family, not for themselves.

Section 3 of the Act allows the DHSS to make a lump sum payment to cover an exceptional need, or to meet an expense not covered by the weekly payment.

When making a claim under this section, quote the 1976 Act. For example "I wish to claim under the Section 3(1) for an exceptional needs payment to cover the following..."

You don't need to go to the office to make this claim, just drop them a line saying you want to claim.

This section covers clothing, footwear, bedding, pots and pans, armchairs, and lots of other furni-



ture- IN FACT, ALL HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

Removal expenses, repairs expenses for visiting people in hospital or prison, fuel debts and rent arrears, tools and clothes necessary to start work.. and anything else you can think of.

along a friend or Claimants Union member with you.

If they are going to visit you at home, then demand that they give you 24 hrs. notice. This is your right.

Don't be fooled if the Visiting Officer tells

entitled to. All payments of this type are discretionary.

Never take "NO" for an answer. APPEAL against any decision which is against you.

NEVER GO ALONE TO THE APPEAL.. AND BE PREPARED. Keep a copy of your appeal and don't forget to date it.

You are allowed two friends or representatives with you at the appeal, and can call as many witnesses as you want.

Everybody's expenses are refunded by the Tribunal, whether or not the appeal is successful, and whether you are working or not. Travelling expenses and wages are all refunded.

Publications, Information, Leaflets- come along to your local Claimants' and unemployed Workers Union. Or, if there isn't one in your area, why not start one yourself?

Claimants Unions give people the chance to meet others in the same situation, and fight collectively to control our own lives.

Supplementary Benefit Rates

HOUSEHOLDERS	NOV 76	NOV 77
COUPLE : short term	£20.65	£23.55
long term	£24.85	£28.35
SINGLE : short term	£12.70	£14.59
long term	£15.70	£17.90
NON - HOUSEHOLDERS		
OVER 18: short term	£10.15	£11.60
long term	£12.60	£14.35
16 - 17:	£7.80	£ 8.90
NON-HOUSEHOLDERS ALLOWANCE	£1.20	£ 1.45
CHILDREN		
13 - 15:	£6.50	£7.40
11 - 12	£5.35	£6.10
5 - 10	£4.35	£4.95
UNDER 5	£3.60	£4.10
DISCRETIONARY ADDITIONS		
HEATING	£ .70	£ .80
	£1.40	£1.60
	£2.10	£2.40
DIETARY	£ .75	£ .90
	£1.75	£2.10

FIGHT TOGETHER

One thing should be remembered: NEVER MEET THE S.S. ALONE. Always take

you that you aren't entitled to something- in many cases the Visiting Officer doesn't know what you are

There are no Atoms for Peace

IN WESTERN EUROPE AND IN THE U.S.A. OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY MILITANT IN RECENT MONTHS. IF THE PLANS FOR THE EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR POWER IN BRITAIN GO AHEAD, IT IS LIKELY THAT SIMILAR SCENES WILL BECOME COMMONPLACE HERE TOO.

THE SECRETARY FOR STATE FOR ENERGY, MR. BEIN, HAS CALLED FOR A PUBLIC DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR POWER IN BRITAIN. WHAT DEBATE THERE HAS BEEN, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CENTRED IN THE SCIENTIFIC PRESS.

HERE, AS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SUBJECT IS AN ARTICLE BY ANDY GATES WHICH ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN PEACE NEWS FOR 9TH SEPTEMBER 1977. WE PLAN TO RETURN TO THIS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SUBJECT IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

The development of nuclear reactors for electricity generation sprang from the creation of the atomic bomb, with the claim that this most horrifying of inventions was being put to peaceful use. But the technologies of nuclear power production and making atomic bombs are so closely interlinked—and interdependent—that it's hard to imagine one appearing without the other.

There are two materials that are known to have been used as the "explosives" in atomic bombs. The bomb that destroyed Hiroshima used uranium-235, which occurs naturally but only as seven atoms in every thousand of uranium. Separating it from the bulk of uranium-238 is an extremely long process: the method used during the war involved something like five million operations. But some kinds of nuclear reactor use fuel which is "enriched" in uranium-235 (ie the proportion is increased to around 30 atoms in 1,000) and countries which have been supplied with these reactors are asking for equipment to do this enrichment. Anyone with this equipment could produce material for an atomic bomb by passing the fuel back through the works again and again until the proportion of uranium-235 was high enough.

The bomb that destroyed Nagasaki, on the other hand, used plutonium. This element doesn't exist naturally, but is created when elements such as uranium are exposed to powerful radiation and absorb particles to become different—or new—elements. This happens in any nuclear reactor.

COVER-UP

The first reactors in the world to supply electricity for sale (at Calder Hall) were in fact built to produce plutonium for bombs—which you wouldn't have known from the opening ceremony heralding them as the start of a new age of limitless virtually free electricity. They were based on the design of earlier plutonium-producing reactors at Windscale next door, which produced electricity as a by-product. Keeping them cool made a lot of steam, which was used to drive turbines to keep the enrichment plant (also for bombs) going. All but three of the reactors now operating in Britain are basically developments of that design—and it was a fire in one of the Windscale originals which spread radioactive iodine over the Cumbrian coast in 1957.

The whole nuclear power programme has gone ahead in the style of a military programme, chasing narrow objectives and



thinking about the effects later. The electricity boards are now complaining that they're overloaded with spent fuel. (The same process that creates plutonium in the reactor also makes other materials which "poison" the reaction, so the fuel has to be removed after a while.) It seems that little thought was given to dealing with this spent fuel when the reactors were built. Some has been passed through a process at Windscale which is now described as a reprocessing plant but was almost certainly built as a plutonium extraction plant for the weapons programme. As well as plutonium and purified uranium for reactor fuel (at a much higher cost than fuel made from new uranium) the plant produces three categories of waste. Part is only slightly radioactive and is dumped into the Irish

Sea, part is highly radioactive but decays rapidly to reach a "safe" level after a few years in storage... and some stuff just won't go away.

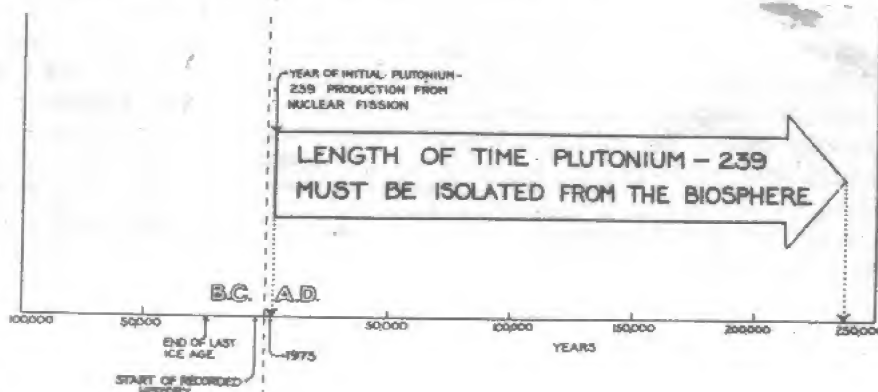
LETHAL LEGACY

That stuff is the reason why a new reprocessing plant like the one proposed at Windscale won't solve the problem of dealing with used fuel—if anything it'd make it worse. Apart from producing plutonium in a form that bombs could be made from, it separates and concentrates the fraction of the fuel which is highly radioactive and takes a very long time (tens of thousands of years for some constituents) to decay into stable elements. So, apart from the thousands of tons of spent fuel sitting in cooling ponds at the power stations, we're stuck with this high-activity waste from the fuel that has been reprocessed (ie largely from the weapons programme) kept in double walled stainless steel tanks while the authorities try to think up something to do with it. Being much more radioactive than the fuel it's produced from, it gives out a great deal of heat and has to be refrigerated so that it won't dry out and catch fire. And it's extremely corrosive, so as well as building one or two new tanks the size of a small hall every year for the waste from existing plant, they have to replace the old ones as the waste starts to rot through them. The tanks themselves become radioactive, so there's no way of repairing or demolishing them.

JOBS, BUT NO TAKERS

Just to deal with this waste the nuclear complex has already lumbered us with, someone has to go on building tanks and continuously supervising their cooling for

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many thousands of years. (Unless they ever develop a system for solidifying it, "persuade" someone to let them bury it under their area, and go away with their fingers crossed hoping they got their sums right). The work demands extremely high standards of welding, and by the time British Nuclear Fuels have finished a six-week security check on applicants for the job they've disappeared off to work on oil rigs. And nobody likes working in a place where you go through a dozen security checks every day, so they don't stay on the job long. The result is that the replacement work is now only just ahead of the tanks wearing out. If they're having trouble getting workers after twenty years, what chance on two hundred or two thousand years? And how long before they start conscription?

WANT A DEAD NUKE?

Another problem the authorities haven't faced up to (unsurprisingly in view of the programme's origin in a pull-all-the-stops-out military scheme) is that reactors don't last for ever. The first generation were paid for on the basis of their lasting twenty years, and they're as old as that now. They could well go on working for another twenty, but sometime there'll be signs of weakness that'll mean shutting them down. Like the tanks, the reactor vessels become radioactive, so even after all the fuel has been removed they can't be repaired or demolished. The only idea they've come up with so far for dealing with dead reactors is to cover them with earth and leave them. But even that won't work at Dungeness, where the reactors were thoughtlessly built on the tip of a shingle spit that's moving eastwards at up to a yard a year. It's said there are dumper trucks constantly carting stones back to where the sea just washed them away from—and that's another job that'll need doing for a century or so.

THE FAST BREEDER

Uranium mining won't be one of those jobs. If reactors go on being built at the present rate, "economically recoverable" supplies won't last beyond the end of this century. So the atomic whizz-kids who were promising us "nearly free power for ever" in the 'Fifties have been looking for ways of making what uranium there is go further, and they've come up with the fast breeder. Though this has been developed as part of the "peaceful programme", it's basically just another idea for making plutonium—and lots of it.

In a "classical" reactor the neutrons* produced by splitting uranium atoms are slowed down (by passing through graphite or heavy water*) so they're more effective for splitting more atoms to keep the chain reaction* going. In a fast breeder the reactor itself is about the size of a dustbin and contains a few tons of plutonium, running much faster (put bluntly, it's closer to exploding). So there are enough slow neutrons around anyway, and the fast neutrons leave the core and are absorbed in a blanket of natural uranium (ie mostly uranium-238) around it. There they "breed" other elements, including lots of plutonium, which is extracted from the uranium in a plant like the one proposed at Windscale and (so we're told) used to fuel the cores of more fast breeders or put into classical reactors. These things are the economists' dream: after twenty or thirty years a commercial fast reactor would have produced as much plutonium as was needed to fuel its core in the first place; anything after that looks like free fuel.

WHOSE TERROR?

But they'd be a nightmare for the rest of us. There's been a lot of publicity about the risk of "terrorists" getting hold of plutonium from a fast breeder, and of

states which don't already have nuclear weapons developing them from "peaceful" reactors. But the horrors of a nuclear explosion are just the same whoever set it off—the states that already have atomic bombs are literally terrorists, holding each other and the rest of the world at terror.

To keep the number of atomic terrorists from increasing, any fast breeder programme goes hand in hand with armed nuclear police and with even tighter controls over the nuclear workforce—giving up the right to strike over pay or conditions, with the certainty of strike-breaking by the army if they did. And it's even been suggested that libraries keep computer records of who borrows which books, as a check on who's boning up on nuclear physics.

The authorities have enough arguments for controls like this, and worse—anybody who did get hold of a fast breeder fuel element could hold them to ransom, even if they couldn't build a bomb from it (and it's been shown to be possible). One kilogram of the stuff (about a wineglass full) evenly scattered as fine particles could theoretically cause a million cases of cancer, and would certainly cause a good few thousands. So either they move the stuff around the country under heavily armed guard (as they already do from Dounreay to Windscale) or they concentrate the whole fast breeder cycle inside a tightly guarded compound—to make sure that they are the only people who have the power to terrorise the world.

The nuclear complex has left us with a terrible legacy—if the people who built Stonehenge had left a store of plutonium, 85 per cent of it would still be with us. The power programme started as a front for weapons-production, and it hasn't changed that much. In any case, it won't fill the "energy gap" for more than a few decades. We have the awesome task of dismantling what can be dismantled, of learning to live with less energy and of preparing to keep the weapons materials out of the hands of all terrorists into the unimaginable future.

A reply to a "box-ad" in G.P.P. no.1

Dear Comrades,
Glasgow needs a people's press. But it needs phoney journalism like it needs dirty water.

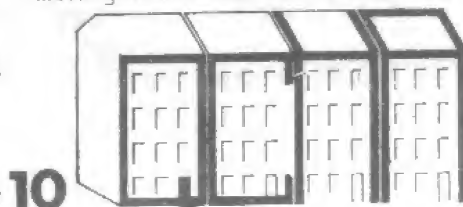
Your item suggesting a squat in Lyndhurst Gardens was just that. Your 'investigation' cannot have gone further than walking past and seeing that it was boarded up. It would have been worth your while to have enquired at the Housing Association office two hundred yards away.

The situation is this. The building needs extensive structural repairs to prevent it from falling down. there is a hassle going on in the courts about who owns it. As soon as that is settled, the Queens Cross Housing Association will buy it, make it good for the next thirty years, and then let it to tenants at a fair rent fixed by the Rent Officer



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ted once a year by the members. When we move tenants in to Lyndhurst Gdns they will be entitled to join, vote, and stand for election. We will handle the factoring ourselves to ensure a good, quick service.

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BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE

David Godwin
CHAIRPERSON
Queens Cross Housing Assoc.

Community paper under attack

LONGSIGHT NEWS

JULY / AUGUST 16

The GPP extends its solidarity to the Manchester community newspaper LONGSIGHT NEWS in their fight against a libel action.

A local policeman, P.C. Kelly was featured in an article some 2 years ago. This led, 7 months later, to a threat of libel action which is currently being pursued under the new Police Complaints procedure where the individual policeman can sue on the basis of a complaint made to the police.

So, far from being an incident involving 2 individuals - the writer of the article & the policeman - the issue really is between the police as a whole & the LONGSIGHT NEWS.

In June, 1975, the paper printed the article which was about a 14 year old boy suspected of breaking a window.

"The person whose window had been broken, who is also a friend of the lad's family, saw him being literally dragged past her front door. She called out to the police that he was only 14 but they took no notice & dragged him right past his mother's door, into a police car & took him down to the police station. At the station he was not only questioned but also beaten about by a P.C. Kelly".

The boy was later acquitted of the charge, & the paper emphasised that it is ILLEGAL to question people under 17 without their parents being present.

An offer to the policeman in question to reply to the article was declined & the libel action set into motion.

This was only one incident among many and LONGSIGHT NEWS, along with



others in Manchester are campaigning against the level of police violence in the area. The paper & Manchester Law Centre are collecting evidence of these occurrences.

This is probably the first case of a community newspaper being sued by the police for libel & it is most important that the alternative press retain their right

to print truthful but controversial news which establishment papers such as the Record or Herald would ignore.

The libel laws are obviously responsible to a large degree for censorship & self-censorship (i.e. - the fear of printing an article that might incur a heavy financial penalty in court).

Whatever the facts in relation to this story, LONGSIGHT NEWS printed the evidence they had & offered the policeman a right of reply. Instead, with the backing of police solicitors, P.C. Kelly is embarking on a potentially costly & lengthy court action. If other members of the pol-

ice decide to make a habit of threatening court action every time some one makes a complaint they don't like, people will soon be put off making complaints at all. Also the alternative press would be intimidated. It is this sort of suppression that LONGSIGHT NEWS is refusing to accept.

(adapted from a report by Peoples News Service).
Defence group, c/o 109 Oxford Rd., Manchester M1. day -(061) 236-3112, night-(061)224-6387.



There will be a community and alternative papers conference in Glasgow in the near future to discuss the setting up of the SCOTTISH COMMUNITY AND ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATIONS NETWORK.

The organisers of the conference hope that the local community papers attend this conference and give their opinions and constructive comments on the proposals that will be presented.

Further details can be obtained from Jim Torley, 57 Allander Street, Glasgow G22 5HB. Or phone 041 336 4341 evenings.

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present (young and old) were on a pilgrimage, paying homage to the site of the first skirmish in the 'radical' sixties.

When we speak of a "decline" in the C.N.D. we are not necessarily speaking in quantitative terms. To the best of our knowledge there has been no great innovation in the C.N.D.'s activities in recent years. There has only been a qualitative improvement in the Campaign's position (more film shows, petitions, marches, etc.)

Lastly we are curious that you say that you are willing to work with "direct actionists" among others. This would seem to indicate a change in the Campaign's views since its' heyday, when the Glasgow Committee of 100 was excluded from using the C.N.D. office. However you are entitled to learn from past mistakes.

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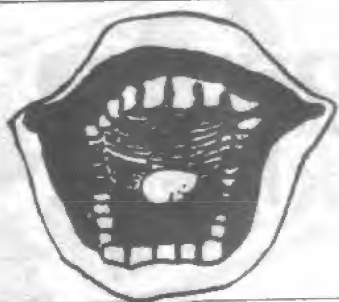
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QUESTION THE QUESTIONER!

I have just started my teachers training at Jordanhill College. After only three weeks I have got the message - we have progressed from the bad old days of rote learning and authoritarian teachers.

However, there is no doubt in my mind that the new 'open plan' progressive education is just as repressive as ever it was.

If you went into the classroom of a modern primary school, you would be surprised how attractive and interesting the place is. Even the infant classes have their own libraries with baby armchairs close by.

The kids no longer sit staring in silence at the back of someones head. Now the kids sit round tables in friendly looking groups.

The walls are covered with attractive displays and visual aids.

Students at the college are constantly told how important it is to get the kids interested and involved in the lesson.

Theoretically, lessons are to be based on the child's own experience & background, but when it comes to teaching practice I learned what a fake this is.

Teachers still see it as their duty to teach working class kids to accept middle class values and behaviour.

The emphasis is still on getting the kids to do what the teacher thinks is important and not what the kids are really interested in.

The kids still sit bored while the teacher goes rambling on.

Mere lip service is paid to the idea of pupil involvement. What this means in practice is that the teacher asks the kids questions to make sure they are still listening.

In Primary I, the kids take the game seriously and try hard to give good answers to the teachers questions.

Often it happens that there is more than one good answer to a certain question, but the kids soon learn that the only right answer is the teachers answer.

By primary IV the kids do their best to avoid answering questions if they can - except for the 'articulate', middle class kids who speak the teachers language.

Surely, good education should be based on encouraging the kids to

ASK questions, not just to answer them.

This is a vital distinction. The whole education system is steeped in this hypocrisy.



The important thing is not genuine curiosity and educational enquiry. What is important is testing and examination.

In this way the education system legitimises middle and upper class privilege and cons the working class into thinking they are fit for nothing but their lowly position in society.

LETTERS CONTINUED



Dear G.P.P.,

I have just read your article in this months edition of GPP 'Aged's Uphill Struggle'. (October issue).

A similar problem exists for the aged tenants of Crathie Court in Partick, who are confronted on all sides by steep hills, even the entrance to this block of 2 apt. flats is hazardous. Situated at the peak of Thornwood, they have magnificent views down Thornwood Avenue to the nearest shops in Dunbarton Road and Crow Road - a poor consolation, for many of them could never make the descent never mind the return journey!

When, oh when, will our highly qualified planners realize that the answer to our problem of housing the aged is not to bundle them all together under veritable house-arrest.

They must be integrated in society. Single and 2 apt flats should be built where their next door neighbour will not be another old frail person like themselves, but a younger family or fitter middle-aged couple.

Both will benefit from the help they can give each other and perhaps make us all realize (pedantic planners included) that love and caring go alongside our cries for more financial aid for our senior citizens.

Yours,
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WHAT THE POLICE COMPUTER HAS ON YOU

G. G. Atherton is responsible for the Police National Computer. His offices are at Romney House, Tufton Street, SW1. The computer is housed behind the Police Training College at Hendon.

Mr. Atherton will not talk publicly about his job. Only once did he speak, privately, to a selected audience at the British Computer Society last year. He insisted that no one take notes.

Geoffrey Phillips is head of the Home Office Scientific Development Branch. His office is in Horseferry House. When approached about what information the police computer held, he refused to accept that the public has any right to know.

These two men, the 'Dr. Strangeloves' of secret police surveillance, are deciding what goes into the electronic files the police are building now. They are not accountable to Parliament. The Home Office insists it has only a 'watching brief', not a clearly defined responsibility, for what the Police National Computer holds and does.

Consequently the British police have more latitude in the use of computers than any other police force in West Europe and the United States. The technological basis for 1984 is no longer a dream, it is actually, now, being implemented, absolutely unhampered by democratic controls, aside from the tacit assumption that Mr. Atherton and Mr. Phillips are honest men conscientiously doing their jobs.

Official Secrets

The People who designed the computer and work on it now have signed the Official Secrets Act which binds them to denying any knowledge of what it involved.

These are computer experts like Dr. John Parks, at the National Physical Laboratory, who invented the system whereby the Hendon computer receives wirephotos from the Scotland Yard fingerprint files; Tony Helman who was in charge of all the computer's programming, working for Hoskyns Systems Ltd, based in Farrington Road; Garfield Collins and his colleagues at Brandons who trained the programmers; and the dozens of programmers who worked first at Tintagel House on the Albert Embankment, and later off



Horseferry Road. Many of them left disenchanted, because they worked only on very small sections, kept in the dark about what the overall system would do.

They knew only that at the centre are two Burroughs B6700 computers—among the largest ever built—linked to ICL disk storage units with a capacity for 1000 words on everyone in the country. These are connected to video display units in over 800 police stations. There are also 'dial-up' lines to government departments, meaning that at the touch of a finger the police's computerised files are made available to the Ministry of Defence.

Joe Kenny, Chairman of the British Computer Society's Privacy Committee and a computer expert in his own right, insists that the police have the capacity to tap personal records from virtually any other computer in the country. And they can do it without permission and without being detected by the banks, airlines, or government departments holding personal information they want themselves.

Round the clock

The computer now operates round the clock. It is connected directly to the

Swansea Motor Vehicle and Licensing computer and uses records of everyone who drives or has a car. It is also connected to the Customs and Excise computer. Programmes are being developed for it which record and analyse who drinks in what pub, with whom; where people park their cars at night, and other such intimate details. Geoffrey Phillips is extremely reluctant to talk about these and a good deal of other surveillance research going on.

The police have been given a free hand to collect and manipulate personal information to build computerised dossiers as they want. Aside from a few sporadic outbursts from backbenchers, the occasional pious meeting of the British Computer Society, and the dogged reminders from the NCCL, they have little to worry about. Mr. Atherton and Mr. Phillips have been able to get on very peacefully with their jobs. And the British police now have what many experts regard as the most sophisticated and least democratically controlled electronic surveillance network in the world.

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Normally, when the police ask for your assistance, you will want to help them. This publication does not seek to discourage this. However, you should know your legal rights and know the circumstances when you are not legally obliged to help or co-operate.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

Make no statement, formal or informal, to any person until you have seen a solicitor and received legal advice. You are under no obligation to reply to a caution and charge. It may be in your interest to say nothing.

If after arrest you are charged on petition and you consider that it would be in your best interests to make a statement, ask to be allowed to make a judicial declaration before the Sheriff. Your statement will then be accurately and impartially recorded. Being charged on Petition is the first step in solemn procedure which leads to trial by jury either in the Sheriff or High Court and applies to charges of a serious nature only.

The police MUST

Promptly after your arrest, allow you to have intimation of your arrest sent to a solicitor (this may mean the police will telephone for you.

You do not have the right to use the telephone yourself). They must allow you to have a private interview with your solicitor before you are brought to court. This right is of little assistance unless you know the name and address, and phone number of at least two solicitors. The SCCL will supply you with a list of solicitors on request; Make reasonable arrangements for your comfort and refreshment; Package any property taken from you in your presence. Do not sign for anything that does not belong to you.

The police MUST NOT

Compel you to accompany them to the police station unless you have been arrested. You may not be clear whether you are being arrested or not. If in doubt ask formally whether you are or not. Unless you have been arrested you are entitled to decline any "invitation" to go with the police. On arrest you have the right to be told immediately or as soon afterwards as is practical why you have been arrested.

Compel you to answer any question.

Hold out any inducement or make any promise or threat in order to obtain a statement from you.

Suggest you plead guilty in court. The police in Scotland do not prosecute and do not have control of the charges which will be preferred in court.

Compel you to have your fingerprints taken against your will without first arresting you. However, you may be fingerprinted, photographed and searched if you have been arrested.

Compel you to appear in an identity parade unless they have reasonable cause for suspecting you of being the perpetrator of the crime under investigation. If you consider that you have been ill-treated make a formal complaint to the procurator fiscal.

He is an independent civil servant entrusted with the prosecution of crime within his district and not an arm of the police. If you have obvious injuries, have them photographed. If you consider the police have been abusive or very discourteous, you may complain to the Chief Constable as this is a police disciplinary matter.

You should

Always remain polite and reasonable.

Secure the presence of an independent witness in the police station whenever possible.

In Court

If charged with any offence do not offer any plea of 'guilty' or 'not guilty' until you have obtained legal advice. If in doubt, plead 'not guilty'. You may decide to change your plea to 'guilty' at a later date after you have seen a solicitor. You will not be prejudiced by doing this. Remember, you may think you are guilty but legal advice may show that you not, or that you are guilty of a different charge. A legal aid scheme solicitor should be on duty and he will advise you if you have no solicitor of your own. If you need it, he will apply to the Sheriff for legal aid on your behalf.

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